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SUBJ: SUSPENSION OF EXPORTS OF U.S. FILMS TO INDONESIA ANNOUNCED

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1. INDONESIAN LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, MERDEKA, RECENTLY CARRIED STORY THAT MOTION PICTURE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MPEAA) HAS SUSPENDED EXPORTS OF FILMS TO INDONESIA. ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH WAS CARRIED ONLY IN MERDEKA, WAS REPORTEDLY MADE BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF INDONESIAN ASSOC. OF FILM IMPORTERS AND PRODUCERS AND SAID THAT "MPEAA WAS OPPOSED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSORTIUM OF IMPORTERS ..." WHICH IS HARMFUL TO U.S. EXPORTERS." ACCORDING TO MPEAA REP. IN JAKARTA, DE
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CISION WAS ACTUALLY CONVEYED TO GOI MAY 22.

2. MPEAA REP. ALSO REPORTED THAT OVER ONE HUNDRED OF THE MORE THAN 400 FILMS WHICH HAD BEEN HELD IN CUSTOMS BECAUSE THEY WERE IMPORTER IN EXCESS OF LAST YEAR'S QUOTA, HAVE NOW BEEN CLEARED. THIS STILL LEAVES ABOUT 300 FILMS BEING HELD IN CUSTOMS, OR A YEAR'S SUPPLY UNDER THE CURRENT QUOTA.

3. COMMENT: EVEN AFTER BACKLOG OF FILMS CLEARING CUSTOMS WE DOUBT THAT SUSPENSION WILL MEAN THAT NO U.S. FILMS WILL BE SHOWN IN INDONESIA BUT RATHER SUSPECT THAT U.S. FILMS WILL BE
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